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# REFORMS

by Rita Loewen  
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Because the old constitution was outdated, and organizational reforms had already been made, the Council felt it necessary to revise the constitution.

The constitution committee has for several months been working on a new, badly-needed revised version of the constitution for our student organization. Several minor changes were instituted, but only two major ones were introduced. The first involved the new system of government that was introduced this term. The office and duties of the treasurer were transferred from the secretary to the (See CONSTITUTION REFORMS, page 4)

# editorial

by Grant Thiessen

Our president is losing a thorn in her side with the moving of Clifford Falk, Grade Ten President, to Stonewall. Nothing was sacred to him. He criticized everything freely, but he did it without rancor, and all his criticisms were well-founded. He criticized on principle. He made the Council meetings a little rougher, but then, no governing body should have an absolutely smooth path to follow. A dedicated opposition is one of the mainstays of democracy, and keeps it from degeneration. I hope that somebody will carry on his practice of pointing out the weaknesses in motions put before the Council.

The Student Council has now passed the constitution, after a long struggle to change the wording, but not the meaning, of a few phrases which sounded bad. No really important changes were made from the document presented by the Constitution Committee. Now that the quibbling is over, a plebescite will be held. I'm still not sure whether I'm quite in favour of this new constitution, or, rather, a few of the points on it. However, this is only a general disagreement.

help. Help. Help! HELP!

We need your submissions. Original poems, cartoons, and short short stories are urgently desired. Human interest news stories are also needed. All submissions will be read, and printed, if of high enough standard.

## THE GENERAL COURSE

by Principal A. P. Hildebrand

In the previous issue of the Collegian you will have read the report on the new University Entrance Course. At present this course is in the pilot stages and has not yet replaced the University Entrance Course generally offered in Manitoba.

The General Course is an alternative course. "It is basically an academic course designed to provide a broad liberal education and to prepare the student for entry into business and industry or into vocational and technological training."<sup>1</sup> At the same time it is designed to help the students appreciate life in general by giving them extensive studies rather than intensive studies. This is extremely important because the student not going on to University will nevertheless be an essential member of society and, with the increasing amount of leisure time as well as mobility and funds, should be in a position to benefit to the utmost from those things which life has to offer.

The General Course, like the University Entrance Course, has certain core subjects. At the same time it has many more options and flexibility of options. This should make it possible to appeal more effectively and more directly to the individual differences in interest. "Both the content and methodology are different from those in the University Entrance Course and were designed specifically to provide for the interests, abilities and aptitudes of students who do not intend to proceed to University training."<sup>2</sup>

1. Davies, G. M.--"Some Implications of Current Curriculum Development in Manitoba"  
May 21, 1964.
2. Ibid.

# CONSTITUTION REFORMS cont.

vice-president. Instead of class representatives from each room on council, a Grade President and Secretary represent the grade. Local governments, consisting of a representative from each room in the grade, together with the Grade President and Secretary, were formed. All of this had to be incorporated into the constitution.

Changes were made in elections. Nominations for the executive are to be made in June, and elections are to take place during the first week of school in the following term. This will facilitate quicker organization in the new term. This also had to be incorporated into the constitution.

The constitution was finally presented to the student council on Jan. 6, and after much discussion and a few more minor changes, was passed on Jan. 13. It is now subject to the approval of the students who will vote on it on Friday, Jan. 22.

The committee has as its faculty sponsor Mr. Giesbrecht. Rita Loewen is the convener of the committee, and Ken Thiesen and Gordon Friesen are members.

## Consti-fusion

Our constitution has constipation  
And the entire principle needs relaxation;  
Honey'd milk to ease the pain  
And send all troubles down the drain.

The matter's grown out of proportion  
It's time to get rid of this democratic distortion.  
It's a useless thing down to the last letter,  
If it were gone, we'd all be better.

I think that I shall never see,  
This constitution appeal to me.

--Jim Edwards